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Amdt. Dated December 20, 2006  
Response to Office Action of September 20, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed 09/20/2006 wherein claims 1-21 were rejected. Claims 1, 15 and 19 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as being indefinite. Claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barben, Jr. et al (U.S. 5,646,594) in view of Pasternak (U.S. 6,990,394). Claims 8 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barben in view of Pasternak and further in view off Joseph et al. (U.S. 5,410,297).

Claims 1-21 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 15 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as being indefinite for various reasons. These three claims are amended to correct the claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barben, Jr. et al (U.S. 5,646,594) in view of Pasternak (U.S. 6,990,394). Specifically, the Examiner concluded that Barben "discloses a

In response, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 19. As amended, Barben and Pasternak do not disclose all the elements of the claims that comprise a monitoring center for monitoring and generating activity related reports or steps of transmitting activity related signals to a monitoring center and generating one or more reports related to the activity.

The Examiner rejected claims 8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barben in view of Pasternak in further view of Joseph. The reasons stated above for the patentability of independent claims 1, 9, 15 and 19 also apply their respective dependent claims including claims 8 and 14 that recite further novel elements. Joseph does not overcome the deficiencies of Barben and Pasternak alone or in combination with Barben and Pasternak. As such, the claims are patentable over the Barben, Pasternak and Joseph references.

Therefore, as stated above, the present invention, as claimed in Claims 1-21 is patentable over the cited references. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-21 be withdrawn.

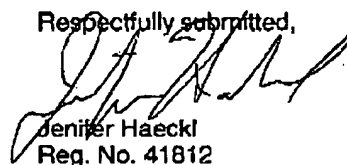
Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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If anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative in Niskayuna, Massachusetts at the telephone number below.

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